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Office Action Summary

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CLECKLER ET AL.

Examiner

Pierre E. Elisca

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 October 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office action is in response to Applicant's Amendment, filed on 10/29/2004.
2. Claims 1-10 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Boone et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,311,240) and Andric et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,449,200) in view of Irons (U.S. Pat. No. 6,192,165).

As per claims 1, 3, 4, and 6-10 Boone substantially discloses a system/method for assisting formatted data transfer that allows a formatting storage controller to read and record data on a formatted storage medium (which is readable as Applicant's claimed invention wherein said a method for selecting a media type format for which to generate value-bearing item indicia), said method comprising:

Receiving from a user an input; and identifying a media type format (see., abstract, col 4, lines 13-31, col 5, lines 12-38, specifically wherein said the formatting storage controller may select by reference a number of on-media structure definition.

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Boone fails to explicitly disclose the step of securing paper control number. However Andric discloses a security paper for incorporation in a security document, or other document having intrinsic value. The security paper includes a resinous substrate sheet, on which indicia are printed (see., abstract, col 2, lines 3-26, col 15, lines 3-17). It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the formatted data of Boone by including the limitation detailed above as taught by Andric because this would verify the authenticity of the documents or papers.

Boone and Andric fail to disclose Applicant's newly added limitation wherein said secured paper control number comprises a serial number that uniquely corresponds to a particular unit. Irons discloses a system and method for indexing, imaging, storing, and retrieving paper-based documents. Wherein each paper-based documents has a unique serial number associated with it or each document number will be globally unique or security code (see., abstract, col 11, lines 27-67, col 12, lines 1-17).

Accordingly, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the teachings of Boone and Andric by including the limitation detailed above as taught by Irons because this would allow users to index and label documents prior to scanning/formatting documents or papers.

As per claims 2 and 5 Boone substantially discloses a system/method for assisting formatted data transfer that allows a formatting storage controller to read and record data on a formatted storage medium (which is readable as Applicant's claimed

invention wherein said a method for selecting a media type format for which to generate value-bearing item indicia), said method comprising:

Receiving an input; and identifying a media type format (see., abstract, col 4, lines 13-31, col 5, lines 12-38, specifically wherein said the formatting storage controller may select by reference a number of on-media structure definition.

Boone fails to explicitly disclose the step of securing paper control number. However Andric discloses a security paper for incorporation in a security document, or other document having intrinsic value. The security paper includes a resinous substrate sheet, on which indicia are printed (see., abstract, col 2, lines 3-26, col 15, lines 3-17, it is obvious to realize that the security paper of Andric can also print label or label stock data since the security paper includes a resinous substrate sheet, on which indicia are printed). It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the formatted data of Boone by including the limitation detailed above as taught by Andric because this would verify the authenticity of the documents or papers.

RESPONSE TO ARGUMENTS

5. Applicant's arguments filed on 10/29/2004 have been fully considered but they are moot in view of new ground (s) of rejection. Necessitated by amendment.

Conclusion

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See

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MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pierre E. Elisca whose telephone number is 703 305-3987. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on 703 305-9769. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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